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1. The YAROSLAVL airfield (39°52'E/57°37'N) was located on the southern town border, south of a single-track railroad line, and north of a woods. *
2. There was a concrete runway. A large solid building with a tower-like superstructure was located on the northern field border and some building blocks on the southern field border.
3. There was day and night flying with biplanes and fighters.
4. Flying with jet-propelled aircraft (see Annex) had been observed daily since February 1949. Up to three aircraft were in the air at one time. These aircraft had the following features: flat "air conduit" at bottom of fuselage, broad elevator assembly, flat cockpit, three fixed guns mounted in front compartment. The aircraft were of about the same size as the Ju-88. The nose wheel could not be seen when the landing gear was lowered. **

25X1A Comment:

- * The reported location agrees with previous reports. The concrete runway is reported for the first time.
- ** From the twin-engine aircraft stationed at the airfield and day and night flying activities observed in 1947 and 1948, it was inferred that a school for the retraining of pilots with twin-engine aircraft, and possibly a blind flying school, is located there. From this report it is inferred that either a fighter pilot school or a fighter unit has been stationed at the field since late 1948. The shape of the wings and the other constructional data of the jet-propelled aircraft indicate that a Yak type of the 1947 design may be concerned. Since the attached sketch may contain some errors in observation the type and location of the power plant (whether in

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fuselage or under fuselage) cannot be determined. The comparison in size with the Ju-88 also seems to be incorrect. Further information is required to judge the above statements.

1 Annex: Jet-propelled aircraft observed over the YATOSLAVL airfield.

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